

REMARKS

Claims 7, 8, 10-16, 20 and 24 are pending.

Applicants submit that claim 7 is based on the original claims (as filed) 7, 9, 17 and 18. Claim 7 includes features of original claims 17 and 18, and thus, does not include any new matter. Moreover, claim 7 now includes all of the features of previously presented claim 26, which the Examiner has suggested is allowable. Based on inclusion of the allowed subject matter of claim 26, not only is claim 7 allowable but also the rejection of 35 U.S.C. § 112 is believed to be cured.

In view of the foregoing, claim 7 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 depend from claim 7 and are allowable for at least the same reason. Claim 11 has been amended to correct the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph error. Claims 20 and 24 include the limitations of claim 7 and therefore applicants respectfully request allowance of these claims as well.

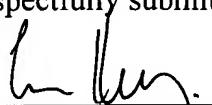
The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due to Squire Sanders and Dempsey, L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 07-1850.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (415) 954-0323.

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